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To: Renewable Advisory Board

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Subject: Update

The following is the November 2005 monthly update for the Renewable Energy Fund:

**RES Programs/Supply**

- 1) RES Negotiating Rulemaking – (Bob Grace to provide update.)

**Wind Projects (On-Site and Grid-Connected)**

- 2) URI –The URI students and faculty have decided to install the anemometers on the pole taken down from Portsmouth Abbey. The installation will be done by Henry DuPont in the coming weeks. Students will be assisting.
- 3) Portsmouth Abbey Wind –The foundation for the Vestas V47 660 kW wind turbine is about to be dug. A publicity event is being planned by Smartpower.
- 4) Raytheon – (Boreal to provide update.)
- 5) Roger Williams University Wind Center – (Lefteris Pavlides update attached.)
- 6) Avian Issues – USFWS accepted CESA's proposal and committed to a formal collaborative process with CESA and other stakeholders to commence in December, facilitated by RESOLVE.
- 7) Berkshire Wind – No Update.

**Hydro and Ocean Technologies**

- 8) Energetech Point Judith Ocean Wave Project – (Cynthia Rudge to provide update.)
- 9) Royal Mills Hydro – Update in progress.
- 10) Rentricity – (Frank Zammataro to provide update.)
- 11) Slater Mill Hydro Project –No update.

**Voluntary Market Support – Customer Sited**

- 12) Solar on Schools – (Chris Warfel, Entech Engineering, to provide update.)
- 13) Low Income Solar – (Requested update from Erich Stephens.)
- 14) Federal Tax Credits for Solar – See attached memo from CESA with Q&A from Chadburne and Parke.

**Voluntary Market Support – Green Power**

- 15) Renewable Energy Customer Aggregation (RECA) RFP and Proposal to Large Customer Program – Mark Crowdis to Update. Update from Jeff Keeler, CEI: Brent Beerley and I had a conversation today with Mark Crowdis concerning the RECA groups and a potential CFD with Community Energy based on our Lempster, NH project. While we have faced delays, the project is moving forward in the development process, and is still planned as a mid-to-late 2006 project. We are still very interested in making an offer to RECA on a CFD product, we are just unable to do so at this time due to our need to finalize a long-term power purchase agreement with the proposed offtaker and determine how that structure will allow us to price a CFD offering. We expect that in the next 30 days or so we will be able to begin re-forming an offering to RECA.

We realize from several parties that there are concerns about continuing to spend RECA and RIREF time on the CFD product, and in holding RIREF funds available. We hope the RECA members will understand the challenges of the development process and remain interested in pursuing a CFD with Community Energy, and that the Fund will continue to support their interest.

Thanks for your patience and ongoing interest in our wind project development efforts.

- 16) State House Green Power Purchase – Update in progress.
- 17) GreenUp – As of the end of October, 2005, there have been a total of 2941 GreenUp signups, as compared to 2818 at the end of September, 2005. Update from Erich Stephens: Bill Lueker (AG), Amy McGinty (CEI), Mark Garret (CEI), Erich Stephens (PP&L), Pat McMahon (NG), Kathy Yetman (NG), Janice McClanaghan (SEO), Doug Hartley (PUC), Martha Broad (MTC, observing) attended a meeting to discuss the need to have account numbers in order to signup a GreenUp customer. CEI and PP&L presented a process by which marketers could obtain account numbers from NG, with the permission of the customers. The idea was that the marketers would continue to actually enroll the customers using the account number as is the current practice, but the customer could release NG to tell the marketers what their account number is in order to process the enrollment. That way, from the customers' perspective, they would "enroll" without actually having to obtain their account number. The proposal was based on similar processes in other areas. According to Erich Stephens, Bill Lueker opined that the proposed process was probably in compliance with the regulations as they currently stand, but that it was a business decision for National Grid. Also according to Erich Stephens, National Grid said they were opposed to the idea. The marketers indicated that they weren't looking for a fight over this issue, but were just trying to make the program work better. Discussion followed as to other things National Grid could do to help the program, such as improved call center methods for people to call and get a number. A web-based way for looking up a number was not practical, according to National Grid. National Grid described how their new billing system will make the program easier and in-bill marketing more effective, but that billing system won't be on-line for a few more years. There was agreement to keep communication open between marketers and NG about how the program could be more effective in enrolling people.

**Outreach and Education**

- 18) Smartpower – (Bob Wall to provide update.)
- 19) Audubon – No update.

- 20) ACORE New England Roundtable on Federal Renewable Energy Policy – Update provided by MTC: A 19 page summary report, “Growing Renewable Energy: Recommendations from New England” was presented during ACORE’s recent Washington conference, “Renewable Energy in America: Policies for Phase II,” and it was well received by the 250-300 people in the audience. New England was the only region which presented its recommendations in such an organized fashion (over 500 copies were distributed to conference attendees and selected Congressional offices), and it reflected well on the NE states. Thanks go to the sponsors of the NE Roundtable, including MTC, the Connecticut and Rhode Island clean energy funds, ACORE, CESA and WPI. Two cabinet secretaries spoke at the Washington conference, Interior Secretary Gale Norton and Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns, Governor Jim Doyle from Wisconsin, numerous Senators and Representatives, and a host of leading renewable energy industry representatives and spokespersons, as well as VC and financial players. The feeling was that renewable energy has progressed to a new, and far more significant place on the federal energy stage and is no longer looked at as a fringe contributor. Probably the most exciting panel of the conference was on transportation, in which former CIA Director Jim Woolsey and VC star Vinod Khosia argued that the nation could move onto an ethanol path whereby we could substantially offset oil imports within 5-7 years. (94% of our oil consumption goes to the transportation sector.) A coalition of farmers and red agricultural states, the automotive industry, traditional renewable supporters, and hawks concerned about national security could propel the ethanol movement which has been successfully rolled out in Brazil with spectacular results. The slogan that emerged from the conference was, “hundreds of billions of energy dollars to the Midwest, not the Mideast!”